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* To ask the Minister for Health the average length of time for which a person remains on a methadone programme; the average cost per annum in maintaining a person on a programme; the number of locations from which methadone programmes are operated; the number of persons provided for on average at these locations; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Ó Fearghaíl,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position:

1. The average length of time for which a person remains on a methadone programme:

Table 1 outlines a breakdown of the length of time persons have remained in methadone treatment.

Table 1.

Years in Treatment	Total
20 yrs +	178
19 yrs +	230
18 yrs +	314
17yrs +	501
16yrs +	797
15yrs +	1326
14yrs +	1780
13yrs +	2170
12yrs +	2592
11yrs +	2984
10yrs +	3325
9yrs +	3770
8yrs +	4141
7yrs +	4571
6yrs +	5012
5yrs +	5522
4yrs +	6110

3yrs +	6716
2yrs +	7540
1yr +	8434
Overall Total	9678

Compiled by the CTL 20 June 2014

Note that - Retention in methadone is generally regarded as a positive goal in drug treatment. A recent report from the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) showed that no country of the 20 surveyed, including Ireland, imposes a limit on the amount of time a person can be on methadone

2. The average cost per annum in maintaining a person on a programme;

It is not possible to extricate the cost of the methadone treatment from the overall cost in delivering the Addiction services (set out table 2 below)

Table 2

	<u>2011</u> <u>Expenditure</u>	<u>2012</u> <u>Allocation</u>	<u>2012</u> <u>Expenditure</u>	<u>2013</u> <u>Allocation</u>	<u>2013</u> <u>Expenditure</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>Allocation</u>
Grand Total	€92,878,435.00	€90,405,769.98	€90,751,786.32	€91,545,658.00	€90,391,525.06	€114,777,234.49

Note: ^[1] Funding in the sum of €21.57ml, was transferred to the HSE Vote in respect of Task Force Projects that were funded by the Department of Health's Drugs Programme Unit for 2014.

^[1] Budget allocation from Mental Health for Donegal, Sligo, Leitrim is included in the figures for 2012; €1,723,955, 2013; €1,590,280 and 2014; €1,701,183 figures

^[1] Budget Allocation from Mental Health for Cavan Monaghan is included in 2013; €330,000 and 2014 €250,000 figures

However the average cost per patient who received Methadone Treatment in the Community for the year 2013 is set out in the table 3 below:

Table 3

No. of Unique Methadone Patient attending a GMS Doctor Surgery	Annual Cost per Person on Methadone
4,158	€1,675.74
No. of Unique Methadone Patient attending a Pharmacy	Annual Cost per Person on Methadone
7,138	€1,723.16

3. The number of locations from which methadone programmes are operated; the number of persons provided for on average at these locations:

During the month of December 2014 there were 5537 persons attending 74 Clinics for methadone treatment. The number of persons attending each clinic is set out in the table below.

Table 4.

Area	Clinic	Location	December
HSE's National Drug Treatment Centre	National Drug Treatment Centre	Pearse St, Dublin 2	487
HSE DML	ARC Project	Crumlin, Dublin 12	85
	Arklow Clinic	Co Wickow	58
	Athlone Drug Treatment Clinic	Co Westmeath	103
	Baggot Street Clinic	Haddington Rd, Dublin 4	91
	Ballyfermot & Palmerston Primary Care Centre	Ballyfermot, Dublin 10	151
	Ballywaltrim Clinic	Bray, Co Wicklow	17
	Bride Street Clinic	Dublin 2	29
	Brookfield Project	Tallaght, Dublin 24	25
	CARP Killinarden	Tallaght, Dublin 24	68
	CASP	Clondalkin, Dublin 22	93
	Castle Street Clinic	Dublin 2	235
	Clondalkin/Lucan Treatment Centre	Lucan, Co Dublin	209
	Cork Street Addiction Centre	Dublin 10	51
	Cuan Dara Detox Unit	Cherryorchard, Dublin 10	15
	Cuan Mhuire Drug Treatment Unit	Athy, Co Kildare	<10
	Dr Steevens Addiction Centre	Dublin 8	158
	Drimnagh Clinic	Dublin 12	38
	Dundrum Clinic	Dublin 14	28
	Fassaroe Clinic	Bray, Co Wicklow	22
	Fettercairn Project	Tallaght, Dublin 24	31
	Inchicore Clinic	Dublin 8	41
	Irishtown S.C.	c/o Castle St Clinic	11
	Jobstown Clinic	Tallaght, Dublin 24	46
	Killarney Road Clinic	Bray, Co Wicklow	89
	Loughlinstown Satellite Clinic	Co Dublin	13

	Merchants Quay	Dublin 8	11
	Mullingar Clinic	Co Westmeath	47
	Old County Road	Crumlin, Dublin 12	81
	Patrick Street Clinic	Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin	168
	Portlaoise Drug Treatment Clinic	Co Laois	92
	Rathmines Clinic	c/o Castle St Clinic	13
	Rialto Community Project	Dublin 8	53
	Safetynet Homeless Service - Simon Hostel	Harcourt St, Dublin 2	13
	Safetynet Homeless Service - Peter McVerry Hostel	Aungier St, Dublin 2	<10
	Safetynet Homeless Service - The Salvation Army	York St, Dublin 2	<10
	Sallynoggin S.C.	Co Dublin	39
	St Aengus Project	Tallaght, Dublin 24	25
	Tallaght Drug Services	Tallaght, Dublin 24	187
	Tullamore Community Alcohol & Drug Services	Co Offaly	35
HSE DNE	Ballymun Satellite Clinic	Dublin 11	33
	Beaumont Hospital	Dublin 9	14
	Bonnybrook Satellite Clinic	Coolock, Dublin 17	94
	Cabra Clinic	Dublin 11	112
	City Clinic	Amien St, Dublin 1	299
	Coolock Clinic	Coolock, Dublin 17	18
	Corduff Clinic	Dublin 15	30
	Darndale Clinic	Dublin 17	146
	Domville House	Dublin 9	220
	Donabate Clinic	Co Dublin	19
	Donnycarney Project	Killester, Dublin 5	25
	Edenmore Clinic	Dublin 5	27
	Howth Drug Clinic	Dublin 13	21
	Kilbarrack Project	Dublin 5	65
	Mountview Drug Clinic	Dublin 15	71
	Mulhuddart Clinic	Dublin 15	27
	Safetynet Homeless Service -	Closed	<10

	Salvation Army		
	Safetynet Homeless Service - Granby Lane	Dublin 1	38
	Sean McDermott Project	Dublin 1	<10
	Swords Drug Clinic	Co Dublin	52
	The Mews Clinic	NCR, Dublin 7	128
	The Thompson Centre	Mountjoy St, Dublin 7	237
	Wellmount Clinic	Finglas, Dublin 11	206
HSE West	Galway	Galway City	39
	Limerick	Limerick City	129
HSE South	Aislinn Centre	Ballyraggert, Co Kilkenny	<10
	Arbour House	Cork City	232
	Ardú Drug Treatment Clinic	Kilkenny City	23
	Carlow Drug Treatment Clinic	Carlow Town	34
	Kerry Addiction Clinic	Tralee, Co Kerry	54
	Merchants Quay Ireland	Tullow, Co Carlow	17
	South Tipperary Methadone Clinic	Clonmel, Co Tipperary	37
	Waterford Substance Misuse Service	Waterford City	92
	Wexford Drug Treatment Clinic	Wexford Town	24
Total:	74		5537 Clients

Also, for the Deputy's information, during the period ended December 2014, 272 level one GP's and 68 level two GP's provided treatment to 3,975 patients across the country.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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